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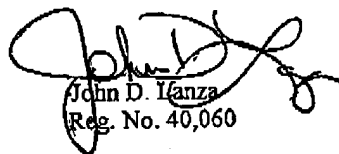
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PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REASONS FOR REQUESTING REVIEW

The following Reasons are submitted with the "PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW" form PTO/SB/33 and A NOTICE OF APPEAL in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31.

In a Final Office Action dated October 6, 2005, the Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by United States Patent Publication No. 2002/0120787 to Shapiro *et al.* (hereafter "Shapiro"). Applicants respectfully submit that the this rejection contains clear error because at least one claim limitation is not taught by Shapiro.

In the Response to the Non-Final Office Action filed by Applicants on June 27, 2005 at pages 4-6, applicants provided a clear and concise explanation as to why Shapiro fails to anticipate claims 1-8.

In addition to the arguments previously presented, applicants provide the following arguments in support of the position the Shapiro fails to anticipate claims 1-8. The claimed invention provides load balancing on a more granular level than that of Shapiro. That is, in the present invention as claimed load balancing is performed can be performed on the individual

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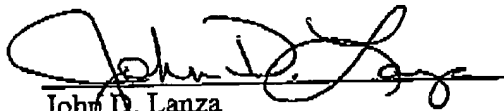
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request that make up a transaction. For example, if a transaction includes three requests (request A, request B, and request C) each individual request can be sent to a separate server agent that, in turn, processes the request. The term transaction as used in the specification at page 2, paragraph 007 and page 32 paragraph 108 shows that each transaction can include multiple HTTP GET requests. Therefore, not only can load balancing be performed at the session level and the transaction level as in Shapiro, applicants claimed invention goes one step further and provides load balancing among the requests that comprise the transaction.

The Examiner suggests that Shapiro teaches this limitation in paragraph 0030. However, a closer reading of Shapiro shows that the requests referred to are actually session level request or transaction level request as those terms are used by the applicants. These requests are not the same as the requests referred to in the specification.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Shapiro does not teach or suggest the limitation assigning a first request to a first server agent and a second request to a second server agent, as required by independent claims 1 and 8, and their dependent claims. Applicants respectfully request that the panel allow the claims because they are not anticipated by Shapiro.

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